

9 ~~said inner sleeve having at least one projection interlocking with said hose to resist~~  
10 ~~axial movement of said hose relative to said inner sleeve; and~~  
11 ~~at least one reinforcing ring situated within said inner diameter~~  
12 ~~of said inner sleeve, said at least one reinforcing ring positioned between said~~  
13 ~~plurality of depressions of said outer sleeve such that said at least one reinforcing ring~~  
14 ~~resists deformation of said inner sleeve.~~

12. (New) A reinforced hose coupling comprising:

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3 a hose having an outer diameter and an inner diameter;  
4 an outer sleeve having an inner diameter circumscribing said  
5 outer diameter of said hose, said outer sleeve further having at least one depression  
6 therein, said at least one depression interlocking with said hose to resist axial  
7 movement of said hose relative to said outer sleeve;  
8 an inner sleeve having an inner diameter and an outer diameter,  
9 said inner sleeve being adapted to be inserted into said inner diameter of said hose,  
10 said inner sleeve having at least one projection interlocking with said hose to resist  
11 axial movement of said hose relative to said inner sleeve; and  
12 at least one reinforcing ring situated within said inner diameter  
13 of said inner sleeve, said at least one reinforcing ring being positioned concentrically  
14 with said at least one depression of said outer sleeve such that said at least one  
~~reinforcing ring resists deformation of said inner sleeve.~~

#### Remarks

The Office Action of October 5, 2000, Paper No. 3, was carefully reviewed.  
Independent Claims 11 and 12 were added and are similar to, but more specific than,  
independent Claim 1. No new matter was presented and such amendments are deemed